

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In the present Preliminary Amendment, claim 13 has been canceled as being redundant. Claims 12, 14 and 15 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies and correct other informalities. Claims 1 to 12, 14 and 15 are currently pending in the present application.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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Respectfully submitted,

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